

*(As we enter the sanctuary, let us quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship. Please silence your cell phones for the duration of the service.)*

## **GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

### **SOUNDING OF THE HOUR**

### **WELCOME**

### **GREETING**

Leader: Hold fast to hope without wavering,  
People: **For God who has promised is faithful.**

### **PRELUDE**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 96

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Sing to the Lord all the earth!  
Sing to God and bless God’s holy name!  
People: **Proclaim God’s salvation day after day;  
declare God’s glory among the nations,  
God’s marvels to every people.**  
Leader: God is great and worthy of praise,  
to be revered above all other gods.  
The Lord created the universe in splendor and majesty,  
in God’s sanctuary are power and beauty.  
People: **Worship the Lord, all you people!  
Bring your offering into the courts of God.  
Bow down before the God of majesty  
and tremble in God’s holy presence.**  
Leader: The Lord reigns supreme;  
God alone will rule over every nation.  
The Lord will be a righteous judge,  
and all the earth and heavens shall rejoice.  
People: **Let us join our voices together  
with all who seek justice and peace:  
Sing to God and bless God’s holy name!**

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

### **\*HYMN OF PRAISE # 669**

*“Cantemos al Señor”  
 (“Let’s Sing unto the Lord”)*

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

The psalmist prays: “Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wickedness in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” Let us express our own longing for God’s leading in our lives through prayer together, beginning with silent reflection...

*(Few moments of silent prayer)*

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy Lord, you are the God of all people, the Creator of all that is good. Forgive us when we fail to see the good; forgive us when we refuse to acknowledge the “all.” When we are searching for your presence and grasping for your grace, remind us that we are never outside of your love. Give us your grace again, O God. Grant us ears to hear your call to faithful living, serving you and one another in the example of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, in whom we pray. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: The psalmist testifies:  
“Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you are acquainted with all my ways.  
You hem me in, behind and before.  
Your Spirit is always with me,  
your hand guides me and holds me fast.”  
Friends, nothing can separate us from the love and mercy of God. In Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **SHARING THE PEACE**

Leader: Seek peace and pray for it;  
speak of peace and live in it.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## **HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST LESSON (p. 641—OT)**

Isaiah 12:2-6

### **\*HYMN OF INVITATION # 397**

*“¡Miren qué bueno!”  
 (“O Look and Wonder”)*

### **SECOND LESSON (p. 224—NT)**

Hebrews 10:19-25

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

Rev. Maggie Rust

### **STORIES FROM BOB & ESTELLE ARMISTEAD**

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from *the Confession of 1967*

**New life in Christ takes shape in community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of our sin. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace. Christian community nurtures the life of faith and equips us for ministry. The church goes out to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Our prayer and Bible study are part of the church’s worship and theological reflection. Our witness is the church’s evangelism. Our daily action in the world is the church in mission in the world. The quality of our relation with other persons is the measure of the church’s fidelity. Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry.**

### **OFFERTORY**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

### **\*HYMN OF BLESSING # 765**

*“Canto de Esperanza”  
 (“May the God of Hope Go with Us”)*

### **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

\*Please rise, in body or spirit.

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**Large-print Hymnals** are available in the back of the sanctuary.

**Hearing Assist Devices** are located in the rear of the Sanctuary. Disposable ear buds are available for your convenience. They can be disposed after use in the labeled slot. **Please note**, only one ear bud receives signal, so please check both buds to determine that the unit is working. Contact the church office with any other issues.

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**WELCOME VISITORS!** We are glad you are here. We invite you to fill out a Visitor Card, found in the pews, and place it in the offering plate. If you are seeking a church home, you are welcome to join us in discipleship as a community of faith and service. Pastor Maggie would be happy to talk to you about your journey and church membership.

**Entered into the Church Triumphant:**  
Norma Starr—August 8, 2022

*The congregation expresses its deepest sympathy to Jim Starr  
in the death of his wife, Norma, on August 8, 2022.*

**Session** is meeting this afternoon. Please be in prayer for our church leaders.

### **SEPTEMBER COURIER DEADLINE**

The **deadline** to send Tina articles, blurbs, meetings/events dates, or any other information you would like printed in the **September Courier** and **listed on the September calendar is Monday, August 15.** Please send your information via email to [office@cpcjc.org](mailto:office@cpcjc.org). Thanks!

### **2022 TRIPRIDE FESTIVAL—SATURDAY, AUGUST 27**

The annual TriPride Festival is in **Bristol** this year at Cumberland Square Park, 200 Lee Street, Bristol, VA. The parade will be down State Street in both TN and VA and begins at 11:00a. The festival begins immediately after, around Noon. The event is free, but tickets are required to enter the festival grounds. Register online at <https://www.tripridetn.org/pride2022/#tickets> or get your free ticket at the gate. Covenant will have a table at the event, and we are looking for volunteers to help us greet our neighbors and pass out popsicles. If you're available to help, please let the church office know! This is a large event so we will be carpooling. Let us know if you plan to attend. More details will be shared as we have them.

### **GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER**

Do you have a name tag? If you are a member or a regular visitor, or even if you have just started coming to Covenant, you **most likely** have one hanging on the wall in the Narthex. We’re asking **everyone** to wear their name tags while at the church to make it easier to get to know each other. **If you don’t find one with your name on it, please let Tina know!** ([office@cpcjc.org](mailto:office@cpcjc.org) or 423-282-5324)

**Please see your insert for more announcements.**

## GIVING TO THE CHURCH

Besides online giving or dropping off or mailing a check, it is also easy (and free) to set up **automatic payments** through your banking institution or online BillPay. Thank you for continuing to support the work of Covenant Presbyterian Church. *If you have any questions, please contact Tina in the church office.*

## AFFIRMING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

We at Covenant Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, Tennessee, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church (USA), aka PC(USA), present its Churchwide Antiracism Policy, first adopted in 1999 and revised in 2016. It proclaims the following:

“While recognizing that racism victimizes many different racial ethnic groups, we acknowledge its unique impact on the African American community. Given the particular forms that anti-Black racism has taken in the United States of America, both historically (including slavery and Jim Crow) and today (including mass incarceration, disproportionate policing, economic inequality, and continuing acts of racially oriented violence and hate), we state clearly: GOD LOVES BLACKNESS. Too many have denied this basic truth for too long. Our choice to align ourselves with love and not hate requires both a rejection of racism and a positive proclamation that God delights in Black lives.”

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

### Today, August 14

8:30a	Issues Class on Zoom
9:15a	Sojourner's Class on Zoom
9:45a	Bible Discovery Class
11:00a	Worship Service
1:00p	Session Meeting
7:00p	N.A. Mtg

### Monday, August 15

#### **COURIER DEADLINE**

10a—3p Good Sam Food Dropoff

### Tuesday, August 16

10a—3p Good Sam Food Dropoff  
10:00a Al-Anon Mtg  
7:00p Al-Anon Mtg

### Wednesday, August 17

10a—3p Good Sam Food Dropoff  
7:00p N.A. Mtg

### Thursday, August 18

10a—3p Good Sam Food Dropoff  
Noon Al-Anon Mtg

### Friday, August 19

6:30p Al-Anon Mtg

*Please see your August Courier for **birthdays** and **anniversaries**, and the full August calendar for this month's events. Extra printed copies are on the table in the Narthex. The Courier & Calendar are also posted on our website at [www.cpcjc.org](http://www.cpcjc.org).*

## TODAY AT COVENANT

Morning Greeters:	Jim Starr & David Wood
Liturgist:	Mary O'Keeffe
Accompanist:	Liesl Huhn

## CHURCH STAFF

Pastor:	Rev. Maggie Rust
Office Administrator:	Tina Simon
Administrative Assistant:	Anne Webb

## PRAYER CONCERNS

*If you know of other reasons for rejoicing or concerns you would like to share feel free to complete a prayer card with your request. **Please contact the church office with any updates to this list.** Names will remain in the bulletin for three weeks unless we are notified about a change.*

### Week of August 14—20, 2022

Jim Starr and his grandchildren, Keaton & Kaden  
Pat and Vickie Koppel, friends of Don & Patti Coble  
Felix Emmanuel Wood, David & Julie Wood's new grandson  
David Armistead, Bob & Estelle's nephew  
Cynthia Erdei  
Sharon Benner  
Christian Zembower & his family  
Charlotte Brumit, Betsy Moakler's mother  
Annette Mullins, Holly Bland's mother  
BJ King's sister, Mary Lynn  
Pat Smith's mother, Betty  
Sharon Fuhrman  
All those affected by gun violence  
All those in our community affected by Covid-19  
The people of Ukraine, its neighbors, and the innocent people of Russia.

*Join us in continually lifting up in prayer our mission co-workers:*

Bob & Kristi Rice: South Sudan  
The Adams Maldonado Family: Frontera de Cristo

*and these Covenant ministry partners:*

UKirk ETSU (Pres. Campus Ministry) ☩ Holston Presbytery Camp  
LatinX Ministry ☩ The River ☩ BABMOC



In the event of emergency, be aware that our Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Unit is located on the wall outside the front door of the Church Office.

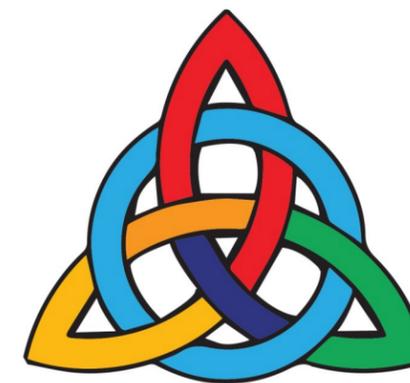


Covenant Presbyterian Church is proud to have received the designation of being an Earth Care Congregation, through the PC (USA).

Covenant Presbyterian Church has been certified as a **Recovery Congregation** by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.



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# Covenant

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### CHRIST • PEOPLE • COMMUNITY

## AUGUST 14, 2022

### 10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## CPC STATEMENT OF OPENNESS AND WELCOME

We aspire to Christ's model of openness and love for all persons. As God has welcomed us, we also welcome everyone into the life, leadership, and community of Christ's church, regardless of abilities, age, economic status, education, ethnicity, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, social position or any identity or status that might be perceived as separating us from God or one another.

We pledge to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of each of God's children, with membership, leadership, and employment open to whomever God calls.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to glorify and enjoy God. We live knowing that God calls us to be a place of love, support, hope and acceptance regardless of earthly labels. Jesus Christ commissions us to make disciples and passionately share our gifts with the world through prayer, teaching, and service. The Holy Spirit allows us to determine and carry out Christ's will for our lives and the life of our church and empowers us to seek out and respond to the needs of our local and global community.